

Fall 2019

The Phi Arrow

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Homecoming 2019

NDSU Homecoming is Friday, October 11th and Saturday, October 12 2019. Read inside for full details as we welcome home the Herd!

Remembering Iris Gust

We remember a wonderful woman and talented chef in an article that celebrates the life of Iris Gust.

Recruitment Update

Phi chapter members came back to school with a mission to recruit a large class to replace recent graduates. Learn more about their success inside.

Thanks to Aaron Lockwood

Aaron Lockwood departs after 12 years of faithful service to pursue further opportunities and a promotion at the Fargo Country Club.

Pig Banquet 2020

Pig Banquet 2020 is on March 27th and 28th. Read inside for more details on our annual celebration of brotherhood!



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Special points of interest

- Pig Banquet is March 27-28. You can RSVP @ www.phionline.org/pig-banquet. Please update your contact information!
- Consider continuing your PhiNow pledge after the end of the campaign



Remembering Iris Gust



Brothers standing with Iris at the 2018 Pig Banquet

Iris Gust, 77, Fargo, N.D., died Wednesday, July 31, in Sanford Medical Center. Iris was known to many Theta Chis during her extensive tenure of 22 years as house chef from 1973 to 1995. She was known for her vivacious personality and her proficiency at cribbage.

Here is an interview with Iris from the Spring 2006 Arrow:

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Mahanomen, MN. I moved to Fargo in 1959 after I graduated.

What was your favorite school subject?

My favorite subject was history.

What different jobs have you had?

I work at Teamsters at the same time as Theta Chi. I also worked at Greyhound.

When did you begin working at Theta Chi?

I started working there in 1973.

What did you enjoy about being a Theta Chi cook?

I enjoyed being around the guys. I had so much fun with them. They are almost like family to me.

What is your favorite movie?

My favorite movie is Dances with Wolves.

What is your ideal way to spend a day off?

My favorite way to spend a day off would be to do some shopping and running some errands. I also enjoy playing whist, my favorite card game, on Wednesdays.

Do you have any stories about unusual experiences as a cook at Theta Chi?

My favorite memory would be playing cribbage with some of the guys.

Who was your favorite steward?

I like them all equally. They were all very nice

Do you have any advice for graduating seniors?

Go out and get a job that you have a great interest in and good luck with doing so. I wish all of you a great future.

Here are some more excerpts from brothers as gathered by brother Ben Buresh ('06) in December 2011:

Iris served some unconventional favorite meals:

"Iris Gust was the cook at the house while I was there and I was always able to get her to make anything that I asked for and I wasn't even the Steward. On Fridays she would make "Horny Burgers" – not really sure what was in it but it looked something like a BBQ. This didn't sit well with many of the other guys in the house as they didn't like them and I caught heck at many Sunday Night meetings. Iris also made Chicken Cordon Bleu almost every Monday night for Formal Meal. Horse [things] and Cheese was also a big favorite for lunch – they were these 8" sausages and mac and cheese."

-Bryan Schulz '91

"Horny Burger was LEGEND – not because of the taste, but more so because of its fearsome reputation for culling the weak, and laying waste to the intestinal tracts of the unwary."

-Paul Germolus '89

[Click here to view the obituary page for Iris](#)

To date, \$501.72 has been collected for a memorial to be placed permanently at the chapter house. Currently, there are plans to create a plaque and plant a tree. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please use the link below.

[Iris Gust Memorial Donations](#)

Homecoming 2019



HOME COMING OCT. 7-12

MONDAY, OCT. 7

Homecoming BBQ
and Pep Fest
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
(Pep Fest starts at noon)
Administration Ave.
Free and open to all

TUESDAY, OCT. 8

Serve with the Herd –
Community service
project day
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Contact
NDSU.Volunteer@ndsu.edu
or 701-231-1055 to sign up.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

Public launch of *In Our
Hands: The Campaign
for North Dakota
State University*
4:15 p.m. | Sanford Health
Athletic Complex

Homecoming Show
and Coronation
7:30 p.m. | Festival Concert Hall

FRIDAY, OCT. 11

President Dean L. Bresciani's
State of the University
Address
10 a.m. | Festival Concert Hall

Athletic Hall of Fame
Luncheon
11:30 a.m. | Sanford Health
Athletic Complex

Homecoming Parade
5:30 p.m. | The route has
returned to campus.

Homecoming Carnival
6–8 p.m. | Churchill Field
Free and open to all

NDSU volleyball vs.
South Dakota
7 p.m. | Bentson Bunker
Fieldhouse

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

Tailgating for the
Homecoming football game
8 a.m.–1 p.m. | Fargodome

Kickoff NDSU vs. University
of Northern Iowa
1 p.m. | Fargodome

For more events, visit
ndsu.edu/homecoming

Homecoming 2019 is the week of October 7th. See the graphic above for more information on daily events.

Phi chapter would like to welcome back all alumni members for an open house on **Friday, October 11** from **5–7 p.m.** during the parade. The parade will be along University Drive this year to accommodate construction downtown.

There will be hot coffee, hot cocoa, and cookies at the chapter house for visiting guests during the parade.

This event is family friendly — in fact, there is a carnival with games across the street in Churchill field as mentioned in the graphic above from 6–8 p.m. Feel bring the whole family back to Theta Chi to see the newly remodeled chapter house and visit the carnival across the street.

Theta Chi will also welcome back alumni on **Saturday, October 12** from **9 a.m.–12 p.m.** to tour the chapter house.

Go Bison!



Help “Military Red” Go “Green!”

The Phi Chapter Alumni Council is changing with the times!

In the future some of the Phi Arrow issues may be e-mailed instead of mailed to save on printing and postage costs; which is about \$1,500 per newsletter.

Also, if you would like to receive electronic communication from the Alumni Council about events such as Pig Banquet and Homecoming gatherings please send your preferred e-mail address to Sarah Gates (Phi Now Campaign Coordinator & Data Keeper) at sbgates17@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Sarah Gates



Members of the Spring 2019 pledge class on their initiation night

Source: @ndsuthetachi on Instagram

Recruitment Update

During the week of September 16, 2019, Phi chapter kicked off another busy Recruitment season. Motivated from a summer of planning and a large spring 2019 graduating class, undergraduate brothers worked hard to connect with resolute men on campus.

Many current brothers are involved as R.A.'s, and several men served as Welcome Week Leaders or Conference, Orientation, and Recruitment (COAR) team leaders. These involvements led to many connections made with potential new members before recruitment week began.

Callahan Stewart, Active Chapter President, and Fletcher Fick, Recruitment Chairman, are happy to report that 23 bids have been accepted and 2 more were voted upon during the chapter meeting on September 30th for a total Fall class of 25. Initiation week will occur in late October.

Good work, brothers—we hope to see you continue to share our brotherhood with resolute men.



A perennial favorite recruitment event, brothers and guests stand beside the finished product of another successful car smash

Source: @ndsuthetachi on Instagram

Theta Chi Cooks through the years

Ma Stock

18 Years ('55-'73)

Iris Gust

22 Years ('73-'95)

Betty Heuer

10 Years ('95-'05)

Aaron Lockwood

12 Years ('07-'19)

Some of Aaron's Famous Meals

"Crack Dip"

This is a famous chip dip that many undergraduates & alumni alike have enjoyed over the years. A mix of secret ingredients, it gets its name for its addictive taste.

"Sandwich /BLT Day"

Anyone fortunate enough to be walking through the chapter house on this day would be greeted with the glorious smell of over 5 lbs. of crispy bacon. Usually paired with spicy cabbage soup, this was a great meal after those long winter walks across campus.

"Taco Day"

Although the enemy of any bus crew that followed it, Aaron's taco smorgasbord and cheese dip are famous among Theta Chis.

Thanking Aaron Lockwood

There are a few people within a fraternity that almost everyone will connect with. Maybe it is the recruitment chair who can talk to anyone; a brotherhood chairman who will sit down and talk with you for hours; or that 5th year senior that has the confidence and wisdom to captivate the entire chapter during meeting.

However, there is the friendly face of one other person that is present each day. Whether you live in the chapter house or you are stopping by between classes for a quick meal, this person is always there to offer a hello and strike up a conversation.

That person is the chapter house chef, and you would be hard-pressed to find any chef more universally liked than Aaron Lockwood.

In 2007, Phi chapter was in-between chefs and active brothers had searched around the city for a replacement. Brothers Tyler "Vern" Holland (Φ '11) and Nick Baker (Φ '08) worked at the Fargo Country Club, and one of their coworkers seemed to be a good candidate for the job. Aaron interviewed for the job and was initially hired on as a "co-chef," but the other chef didn't follow through and Aaron was heading the operation solo.

Aaron was known for being very accommodating. Each year as new brothers entered the chapter, new or adjusted meals would occur. For a while, fresh fruit and veggies were a part of the menu, as well as "grab and go" breakfast muffins and cereal. There were other times where Aaron would make a quick bite for someone who perhaps was allergic or vegetarian. Brother Holland reminisces about a period in which he was recovering from a wisdom teeth surgery.

"There was one time I got my wisdom teeth out and I couldn't eat the meal he had made that day. Without even asking, he made me a batch of eggs so I had something to eat."

Aaron has recently been promoted within the Fargo Country Club and has a new opportunity that unfortunately does not allow him enough time to continue cooking for Phi chapter. All of Phi chapter wishes Aaron the best in his new role, and thanks him for all of his years of great cooking and friendship.

Brother Holland adds, "I would like to thank Aaron for creating one of the best chip dips I've ever tasted, and for being part of the tradition at Phi chapter for as long as he has been."



Aaron helps prepare the Pig Roast at the 2018 Pig Banquet

Thank you for your years of service, Aaron!

Pig Banquet 2020

Pig Banquet is set for Saturday, March 28, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Fargo. We sincerely hope you can make it this year.!

The schedule of events can be found on the sidebar to the right.

RSVP online at: <http://phionline.org/pig-banquet> or by returning the form on the back page.

The cost for the banquet is \$45 / person.

Blocks of rooms have been set up under "Theta Chi Alumni" for Friday, March 27th and Saturday, March 28th at the following hotels:

Holiday Inn:

701-282-2700, \$109/night for 2 Queen beds or 1 King bed

Home2 Suites:

701-492-5402, rate TBA

If you have any questions about Pig Banquet please contact Brian Larson at brian_mccoop@westriv.com or by phone at 701-471-5672.



Brothers and guests celebrate at the 2018 Pig Banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn

Pig Banquet Schedule

Friday March 27

1-4 PM

OX House tours at your leisure

8 PM

Chubs Pub

Saturday, March 28

10:00 AM

House Tours

Noon

Pig Banquet in basement of OX house

2:00 PM

Alumni Meeting

Century Theatre in the NDSU Memorial Union

5:00 PM:

Social hour

Holiday Inn

3803 13th Ave S,
Fargo, ND 58103

6:30 PM: Banquet

Pig Banquet Registration Form

Name: _____

Number of Meals Saturday: ____

Address: _____

x \$45

Total Cost: _____

Graduation Year _____

Please Remit with Payment to

Guest Name(s) _____

Theta Chi Alumni

P.O. Box 5767

Days Present:

Fargo, ND 58105

Friday ____ Saturday ____



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